

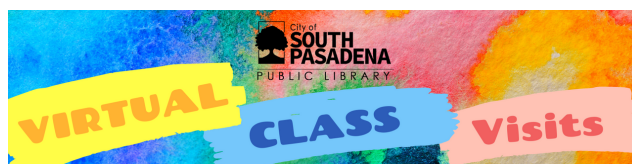
SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

# EDUCATOR NEWS

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## **VIRTUAL CLASS VISITS**

Because of the complications with COVID-19, in-person library and class visits have been temporary suspended. Our librarians are still eager to work with schools and preschools! We are offering virtual class visits as a safe alternative.

We can tailor virtual class visits to discuss the following:

Library Orientation  
Research Assistance for Specific Topics  
Library Cards  
Book Talks

To schedule a virtual class visit, please fill out this form at least two weeks prior to your requested date(s) and time(s).

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## **EDUCATOR'S PAGE**

We have created an Educator's Page with quick links to our online resources as well as links for how to sign-up for a library card.

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## **LIBRARY TAKEOUT & MATERIALS MATCHMAKER**

The South Pasadena Public Library is offering Library Takeout, a no-contact materials check-out and pick-up service. We are also offering a service called Materials Matchmaker, where our librarians will chose the books for you. For more information about our Library Takeout and Materials Matchmaker services, visit the Library Takeout webpage!

# FALL VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

## CHILDREN & TEEN

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### Fall Virtual Storytimes: September 14 - November 9 Mondays at 10:30 AM

Links to our storytime videos will be made available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube channel for viewing starting at 10:30 AM each Monday throughout the fall.

### Literary Artober October 1 - 31

A month long art challenge designed to encourage creativity and a way to unplug for a few minutes each day to draw. Art prompts will be posted each day on Instagram & Facebook.

### Teen One City, Many Stories (OCMS) October 1 - November 1

OCMS encourages the community to engage with the theme "Exploring Common Ground" through reading and discussion of books that are related to this theme.

### Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark Trivia Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, & 28

Test your knowledge of the classic stories collected by Alvin Schwartz as well as the adapted 2019 film, directed by André Øvredal

Links to the trivia questions will be made available each Wednesday at noon on our website and on Facebook and Instagram.

### Halloween Storytime Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 AM

The link to this special storytime video will be made available on our website, Facebook, and Youtube channel

### Year Round Reading Challenges

*1000 Books Before Kindergarten: For ages 0 - 5*

*Reading Explorers: For ages 6 - 12*

*100 Books Before College: For ages 13 - 18*

Want to set new reading goals for the fall?

Try these open-ended year-round reading challenges.

Start at any time. Read at your own pace.

# SPOOKY STORIES FOR HALLOWEEN

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

### Picture Books

Not Very Scary by Carol Brendler, illustrated by Greg Pizzoli  
Monster Needs a Costume by Paul Czajak, illustrated by Wendy Grieb  
The Scarecrow by Beth Ferry, illustrated by The Fan Brothers  
The Wolves in the Walls by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Dave McKean  
The Monsterator by Keith Graves  
Duck & Goose, Honk! Quack! Boo! by Tad Hills  
Fright Club by Ethan Long  
Herbert's First Halloween by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Steven Henry  
Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Peter Brown  
Shivery Shades of Halloween by Marcy McKenna Siddals, illustrated by Jimmy Pickering  
Scaredy Squirrel Prepares for Halloween by Melaine Watt

### Middle Grade

Bad Girls Don't Die by Katie Alender  
The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste  
Coraline by Neil Gaiman  
Deep and Dark and Dangerous by Mary Downing Hahn  
Scary Stories for Young Foxes by Christian McKay Heidicker  
Room of Shadows by Ronald Kidd  
The Boneshaker by Kate Milford  
Spirit Hunters by Ellen Oh  
Where the Woods End by Charlotte Salter  
Tunnel of Bones by Victoria Schwab  
The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud

### Teen

Conversion by Katherine Howe  
Deathless Divide by Justina Ireland  
Dread Nation by Justina Ireland  
Sawkill Girls by Claire Legrand  
The Bone Houses by Emily Lloyd-Jones  
One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus  
Shadowshaper by Daniel Jose Older  
Vassa in the Night by Sarah Porter  
Wilder Girls by Rory Power  
A Room Away from the Wolves by Nova Ren Suma  
A Head Full of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay  
The Price Guide to the Occult by Leslye Walton  
The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein by Kiersten White

# CIVICS AND ELECTION RESOURCES

With the upcoming election in November, now is a great time to teach students about civics and elections. There are a lot of great free resources available to help, some of which are reviewed below. Many address the Constitution, the three branches of government, voting rights, civil rights, citizenship, running a campaign and other related subjects. These resources provide lessons, games, activities, videos and the like to help students understand the way our democratic government works and how important it is that citizens are engaged and vote.

## Scholastic Elections

Scholastic offers lesson plans, book resources, articles, games, quizzes, and blog posts dealing with the history of elections in the United States and information on voting for the President. Information on related subjects such as citizenship, the political system, and voting is also included via videos, interviews, and articles.

## iCivics

This organization was found by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with the goal of providing resources to help teachers engage students in civic learning. The site has a variety of lesson plans and activities to help students learn about elections, the three branches of government, the Constitution, civil rights, citizenship, running a campaign, and the like. The site also includes free lesson plans and learning games specifically designed for remote learning. This is a well designed and easy to navigate site will lots of great information.

## PBS Learning Media Election Central

This site provides great resources to help 6 -12th graders learn all about elections. The main subjects addressed are the history and process of elections, voting rights, the party system, how voting works, media literacy and presidential campaigns. It includes videos and a great deal of support materials and even includes a debate toolkit to use with students.